

*Report of the*  
**Board of Fire Engineers**

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The Dover Fire/Rescue Department is a call department consisting primarily of Dover residents and men and women who are employed in the Town. Department personnel are paid for their activity when called to a fire, ambulance call, or training session. They serve the Town seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and they are known in Dover and surrounding communities as being professionals who care about their responsibilities. We are grateful for their service, and we thank them.

As part of a mutual aid agreement, the Fire Department works with local communities to assist them during a fire, accident, or other incidents. The same is done for Dover. Assistance can involve going directly to a fire or sending our equipment to another community's fire station in preparation for another call. Personnel training is also shared between communities, as in the case of a joint fire-fighting drill. Mutual aid is a critical factor in the Department's ability to serve the Town.

The Board continues to be concerned about the lack of a water source in the Town center. The hydrants in the area are not useable. The only water available to fight a fire, therefore, is what the Department can bring in its tanker trucks in addition to the water provided by neighboring fire departments as part of mutual aid. This remains a serious concern as we consider our municipal buildings, Charles River School, churches, business establishments and the 42 dwellings in Dover Farms and The Meadows.

During 2021, the Department treated every response call as a call that could involve a person affected by COVID-19. All personnel were equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE) that included N95 face masks, hand sanitizers, protective gowns, eye protection, and gloves. When necessary, they transported patients to local hospitals for care. All procedures established by the Centers for Disease Control were followed. The Department also coordinated its efforts with the Town's Board of Health, the COVID-19 Response Group, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

In 2021, the Board went through a comprehensive process of new leadership appointments to the Department. The new command staff and their dates of appointments are as follows: Chief R. Paul Luttazi (May 11); Deputy Chief Edward G. Kornack (August 12); Captain John R. Tosi Jr., (September 13); Lieutenant Theodore (Ted) Reimann (April 5); and Lieutenants Walter J. Nowicki Jr., and Richard Louis Reinemann (November 1).

This past year was another challenging one for the Department's personnel, and so the members of the Board of Fire Engineers wish to express their appreciation and gratitude for the professional and compassionate service these men and women provide to each other and to the citizens of Dover.

## **Fire Department Summary of Activities**

### **Incidents (277)**

Brush/Grass Fires	8
Vehicle Fires	1
Dumpster Fires	0
Smoke in House	4
Water Rescue	0
Electrical Fires	5
Vehicle Accidents	14
House Alarms	133
Chimney Fires	1
Wires Down	5
Propane Gas Fires	1
Station Coverage	5
Carbon Monoxide	4
Public Building Alarms	13
Rescue	2
Investigations	18
Structure Fires	3
Oil Burner Fires	3
Mutual Aid	4
Illegal Burning	2
False Alarms	0
Haz-Mat Incidents	5
Automatic Boxes	0
Ambulance Assists	22
Gas Spills	0
Missing Persons	2
Still Alarms	0
Bomb Scare	0
Elevator Entrapment	0
Water in Basement	9
Explosive Devices	0
Downed Trees in Road	6
Building Hit by Lightning	2
Other	5

### **Permits Issued (398)**

Oil Burners	54
Underground Tank	1
Blasting	7
Temporary Heat	2
Sprinkler Systems	0

Welding	2
Smokeless Powder	0
Smoke Detectors	120
Propane Storage	92
Tank Trucks	0
Bonfires	0
Carbon Monoxide	120

### **Inspections (680)**

Oil Burner	120
Propane Gas	157
Blasting	37
Temporary Heat	0
Gas Stations	2
Sprinkler Systems	0
Welding	4
Fire Prevention Programs	1
Smoke Detectors	139
Bonfires	0
Public Buildings	68
Underground Tanks	2
Tank Remove	0
Demolition	10
21E Inspections	0
Carbon Monoxide	139
Fire Works	1

### **Ambulance Calls (267)**

MetroWest Medical Center, Framingham	3
Newton-Wellesley Hospital	49
Beth Israel Deaconess, Needham	110
Other Facility	12
Air Ambulance (Med-Flight/Life-Flight)	1
Mutual Aid (Received)	10
Mutual Aid (Given)	1
Refusal of Transport	70
Fire Department Stand-by	2
Responses Canceled	9
Advanced Life Support ( <i>statistics only</i> )	119

### **Appointed by the Board of Fire Engineers**

Chief R. Paul Luttazi

Deputy Chief Edward G. Kornack

Captain John R. Tosi Jr.

**Lieutenants**

John Kornack  
Walter J. Nowicki Jr.  
Theodore (Ted) Reimann (A)  
Richard Louis Reinemann  
Karl Warnick

**Appointed by the Fire Chief  
Fire and EMT Personnel**

Daniel Barry  
Christopher Becker (A)  
Robert Beckwith  
Andrew Blum  
Paul Buckley  
Joseph Chirico (A)  
Leslie Campbell  
Thomas Giblin (A)  
James Gorman  
Fred Hartman (A)  
Mary Hinsley (A)  
Alex Howe (A)  
Paul Hughes  
Katherine Jackson (A)  
Phoebe Lasic-Ellis (A)  
Jack London  
Phil Luttazi  
Michael Lynch  
Brendan McCarthy  
William Mitchell (A)  
Dan Murphy (A)  
Michael Murphy (A)  
Walter Nowicki Jr.  
Curt Pfannenstiehl  
Thomas Quayle  
Deborah Reinemann (A)  
Heidi Reinemann (A)  
Katherine Roer (A)  
Jon Anna Schulz (A)  
Dixon Smith (A)  
Elizabeth Smith (A)  
John Sugden Jr. (Chaplain)  
Timothy Surgenor (A)  
Brian Tosi  
Kathleen Tosi

Kevin Tosi  
David Van Tassel  
John Vounatsos  
Ellen Weinberg (A)  
Nevin Weinberg (A)  
Tim Wider

(A) Ambulance Squad member